

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Sri U. Pentaiah, formerly Assistant Treasury Officer, Divisional Sub Treasury, Bhadrachalam, Khammam District and presently Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.) – Departmental proceedings under Rule 9 of Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Article of Charge – Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN.I.VIG.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 4266

Dated: 02-12-2009

Read the following:-

G.O.Ms.No. 296 Finance (Admn.I.Vig.) Dept., dated:02-12-2009

ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri U. Pentaiah, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.) in the G.O. read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri U. Pentaiah, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.) in accordance with the procedure laid down in rule.20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in connection with the case of irregular passing of (10) Diet charges bills for an amount of Rs.1,69,78,250/- preferred by the DTWO, Khammam.

2. The substance of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure –I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which the article of charge is proposed to be sustained is also enclosed (Annexure-III). He is also furnished herewith copies of documents in support of the articles of charges.

3. Sri U. Pentaiah, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.) is directed to submit his written statement of defence within (10) days from the date of receipt of this order and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. Sri U. Pentaiah, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of that article of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charge.

5. Sri U. Pentaiah, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence within the stipulated time further action as deemed fit will be taken as per provisions of rule 20 of APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule.9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. The receipt of this G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHAMSHER SINGH RAWAT

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FP)

To
Sri U. Pentaiah, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.)
through the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, AP, Hyderabad.

Copy to the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, AP, Hyderabad. (Induplicate).
He is requested to serve the Government orders on the retired officer duly
obtaining his dated signature on the duplicate copy of the orders and resubmit the
same to this office immediately.

::FORWARDED BY ORDER::

SECTION OFFICER

Annexure- I

Article of charge against Sri U. PENTAIAH, ASST. TREASURY OFFICER (RETIRED), formerly ASST. TREASURY OFFICER, Sub – Treasury, Bhadrachalam.

Charge: “that Sri U. PENTAIAH, ASST. TREASURY OFFICER, (RETIRED) while working as ASST. TREASURY OFFICER at the Sub-Treasury, Bhadrachalam, on 31-03-2006, has irregularly approved pay orders on the ten bills listed in the Annexure-II even though the sub vouchers enclosed to those bills, preferred in A.P.T.C. Bill Form 58, are only advance bills and the pay orders are for payment by way of D.D in favour of the District Tribal Welfare Officer instead of the Girijan Primary Co-operative Marketing Society Limited. Thus, he failed to undertake the required scrutiny of the claims as per the procedures prescribed under S.R.2 of T.R.16 and the instructions thereon in the A.P. functionary manual.”

Annexure-II

Statement of imputations against Sri U. Pentaiah, ASST. TREASURY OFFICER (RETIRED), formerly ASST. TREASURY OFFICER, Sub Treasury, Bhadrachalam.

The District Tribal Welfare Officer, Bhadrachalam has preferred ten bills on 18-03-2006 for an amount of Rs.1,69,78,250/- on fully vouched contingent bill forms in APTC Form.58 towards Diet charges to the Tribal Welfare hostels and Ashram Schools and submitted them for passing for payment in the Sub Treasury, Bhadrachalam. The Sub Treasury, Bhadrachalam has passed those bills for payment on 31-03-2006. In a test check conducted by the O/o the Accountant General, A.P, Hyderabad it is stated to have been found that the bills / sub-vouchers enclosed to those claims were only “Advance Bills” issued by the supplier and however, that stock entries were made on them. The treasury has passed them for payment by way of Demand Drafts in favour of the District Tribal Welfare Officer, Bhadrachalam. Subsequent scrutiny by the A.G’s audit has revealed that the claims were preferred in advance before receiving the stocks and that the provisions were actually procured only during September – December, 2006. The Accountant General in his audit report for the year ended 31st March, 2007 has pointed out the lapses of the Treasury at para.4.1.1 and observed that it indicated the failure of the Treasury Officers in exercising even the basic check while admitting the bills preferred on them resulting in irregular draws by the DDOs.

The following are the details of the above said bills admitted and passed for payment by the Sub-Treasury on 31-03-2006.

S.No.	I.D.No. and Date	Amount
1	20447, dtd. 18-03-2006	Rs. 18,80,000/-
2	20448, dtd. 18-03-2006	Rs. 17,20,000/-
3	20451, dtd. 18-03-2006	Rs. 17,20,000/-
4	20445, dtd. 18-03-2006	Rs. 16,80,000/-
5	20453, dtd. 18-03-2006	Rs. 14,28,000/-
6	20446, dtd. 18-03-2006	Rs. 16,56,250/-
7	20450, dtd. 18-03-2006	Rs. 15,48,000/-
8	20449, dtd. 18-03-2006	Rs. 15,90,000/-
9	20452, dtd. 18-03-2006	Rs. 14,56,000/-
10	20454, dtd. 18-03-2006	Rs. 23,00,000/-
Total		Rs.1,69,78,250/-

Enquiry of this department has revealed that, the said ten bills were passed for payment by the Sub Treasury, Bhadrachalam even though the sub-vouchers were defective and they contained a prominent Heading “Advance Bill” and simultaneously each one contained a stock entry recorded by the District Tribal Welfare Officer. The Treasury has also made the pay order therein for payment by way of Demand Draft in favour of the District Tribal Welfare Officer instead of in favour of the supplier i.e., the Girijan Primary Co-operative Marketing Society Limited, Bhadrachalam. As per the report of the District Tribal Welfare Officer, Bhadrachalam in his letter No.B/DTWO/345/2006, dated 12-02-2007 addressed to the Principal Accountant General (Civil Audit), the department drawn the amount in the month of March, 2006 to avoid lapse and the expenditure was actually incurred in the months of 9/2006 to 12/2006. Therefore, it is obvious that the Sub Treasury, Bhadrachalam has failed to conduct the minimum checks that it is supposed to exercise under S.R.2 of T.R. 16 in respect of contingent bills.

Sri U. PENTAIAH, ASST. TREASURY OFFICER (RETIRED), who worked as ASST. TREASURY OFFICER at the Sub Treasury, Bhadrachalam at that time is responsible for admitting and passing of 10 (Ten) irregular Diet Charges Bills and thus the charge.

Annexure – III

List of Documents based on which the article of charge against Sri U. PENTIAIAH, ASST. TREASURY OFFICER, (RETIRED) is proposed to be sustained.

1. Para.4.1.1 of the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
2. Copies of the paid Vouchers of the ten claims listed in Annexure.II.
3. Copy of Rc.No.B/DTWO/345/2006, dated. 12-02-2007 of the District Tribal Welfare officer addressed to the Principal Accountant General (Civil Audit).